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SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT

WE UNDERSTAND STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT TO MINISTERS IS DUE FEBRUARY 1 AND THAT MINISTERS ARE TO DISCUSS REPORT IN MID-FEBRUARY, ALTHOUGH DECISIONS MAY NOT BE TAKEN FOR SOME TIME THEREAFTER. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR REACTION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHRONTZ RETURNING TO EUROPE, PERHAPS IN EARLY FEBRUARY, POSSIBLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VISIT TO USAFE, TO SPEAK BEFORE A SUITABLE PUBLIC FORUM IN EITHER THE NETHERLANDS OR BELGIUM. HE WOULD EMPHASIZE THE BUSINESS ADVANTAGES FOR EUROPEAN SELECTION OF THE F-16 AND THE LOW OPERATING AND FUEL COSTS AS WELL AS ITS NEW TECHNOLOGIES. WOULD LIKE YOUR REACTION TO THIS IDEA AND ANY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING A POSSIBLE FORUM. KISSINGER

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